

WHAT UNION GOVERNMENT ACCOMPLISHED

Sir Thomas White Tells of Many Big Things in Statement to Press.

M. S. A. DEFAULTERS TO BE PUNISHED

Although Men Not Now Required, Those Who Dodged Will Not Escape.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM RECEIVING ATTENTION

Country is Prosperous and Well Prepared to Face the Important Problems Now Before it.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Sir Thomas White, minister of finance and acting prime minister, who was in Toronto today, handed a statement to the Canadian Press, calling attention to the things accomplished by the Union Government, which, on December 17 last, received a mandate from the people of Canada to vigorously prosecute the war and carry out the policies for which the Union Government was formed. The statement refers to the national registration of last June as having proved of use in providing valuable information for the work of reconstruction; the maintenance of the munitions industry at a high degree of efficiency by extensive credits; increased agricultural production through the government's campaign; the additional taxation on war profits and income, the expanding revenues of the dominion, and the evidence of prosperity of the people in the big success of the last victory bond campaign; the \$25,000,000 made available by the government for loans to the provinces to provide better housing conditions, the successful operations of the food board and authorization by the government of the investigation by local municipalities of the high cost of living, with a view to regulating excessive profits, and the adjustment of labor disputes among railway men by a Canadian board of adjustment.

With reference to the military service act, he said, will include wireless telegraph system and "all latest scientific appliances" and the rate "will be within the reach of all." Captain Lisner also said that unless some one else has already done so on June 15 he will make the first trans-Atlantic flight, selecting the same route followed by the transport, George Washington in talking President Wilson to France. He added that a sea-going plane to be used in the flight is now being constructed.

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British Occupation in Germany Complete

Cologne, Friday, Dec. 13.—The final phase of the occupation of German territory by the British army, as notified by a card, was being worked out today. Three divisions of infantry made formal entry into Cologne this morning, and crossed the great bridge over the Rhine to follow the cavalry unit to the semi-circular line which is being established about the bridge head. A similar operation is being conducted at Bonn, on the Rhine south of Cologne. General Plumer, the British commander, was here to review the troops, Scotch, English and Canadian infantry passed through Cologne, with full equipment, and made a short stay, although it was raining heavily and the men were drenched. Despite the downpour thousands of civilians lined the route of the march, and stood patiently under umbrellas in order to see the British soldiers. The crowds displayed no hostility, and appeared to be merely curious. General Plumer remained at his post at the reviewing point until the last soldier had passed by without apparently having given thought to the downpour of rain.

AIR LINE WILL OPERATE NEXT YEAR IN U. S.

Capt. Lisner, Late Superintendent of Aerial Mail Services of U. S., Behind Movement to Establish Trade Route.

New York, Dec. 16.—Captain Benjamin S. Lisner, who resigned recently as superintendent of the government aerial mail service, announced tonight that he will establish next year the first aerial passenger and express lines in this country. Captain Lisner said that he was not at liberty to announce proposed routes but asserted that the first line would be put into operation on May 16, 1919. The service, he said, would be started with six planes, each with a speed of 110 miles an hour and a capacity of 40 passengers or an equivalent weight in express. Equipment of passenger planes, he said, will include wireless telegraph system and "all latest scientific appliances" and the rate "will be within the reach of all."

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CANNERS PLAN TO STOP WASTE, FORM GUILD

Maritime Fish Men Take First Step in Scientific Research.

BUREAU IS NOW BEING ORGANIZED

Its Creation is the Result of Conference Held at Amherst.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS VOTED

And Twenty Eastern Firms Will Co-operate With Federal Bureau in Securing Definite Knowledge.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—The actual formation of the first Canadian trade guild for scientific and industrial research purposes is now in process. As a result of a conference at Amherst, N.S., last week of the Maritime Province Canners' Association, and Dr. A. R. McCallum, administrative chairman of the council for Scientific and Industrial Research, the association decided to form a federally incorporated research guild. Some twenty fish canning firms were represented at the meeting, which was held under the chairmanship of Senator John McLean, of Souris, P. E. I. A committee headed by Mr. R. O'Leary, of Richibucto, N.B., was appointed to arrange for the organization of the guild, and \$5,000 was voted towards research work in co-operation with the research council at Ottawa.

Immediate problems of research include investigations as to reasons for the deterioration of products of lobster and sardine canning, the bacteriology of spoiled products, etc. It is estimated that from five to ten per cent of the lobster and sardine output is lost through spoilage, involving a loss of tens of thousands of dollars. It is believed that this waste can be prevented by the application of new scientific knowledge to canning processes. The combination of all the canners into one guild for research in solving these common problems of deterioration, production, etc., is believed, have far-reaching effect on the whole fishing industry of Canada.

GOOD MEETING IN MONCTON

Returned Soldiers and Others Last Night Heard Able Addresses on Soldiers' Re-establishment—Similar Meeting in Chatham Tonight.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N.B., Dec. 16.—The City Hall held a large audience of returned soldiers and other citizens tonight in listening to excellent addresses on the subject of "Soldiers' Re-establishment." The meeting was addressed by Hon. C. W. Robinson, of this city; Charles Robinson, Secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Commission; Dr. Charles McKay, Medical Director of the Province, and others. The speakers put forth the different lines in which the returned heroes can be assisted to civil occupations again, and the audience listened to every word with rapt attention.

DECLARED A DIVIDEND

Canada Car and Foundry Co. to Pay 1 3/4 Per Cent. for Quarter Ending December 31st.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Dec. 16.—After a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co., this afternoon, the street was surprised to hear that the company had declared a dividend for the quarter ending December 31st. This quarter is the first of the company's fiscal year, and the directors have announced that the dividend was the best since the resumption of the regular dividend of 7 per cent, which the directors hoped to be able to maintain along with intermittent payments on the arrears, which amount to 24 1/2 per cent, 3 1/2 per cent, having been paid in July last, the first since the summer of 1914.

HAMMER WAS HAMMERED

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16.—Lew Tandler, of Philadelphia, gave Ever Hammer, the Chicago lightweight, a bad beating in a six-round bout here tonight. In the third round the Philadelphia boxer rained blows on Hammer's stomach and the latter went to the floor. He got on his knees while the referee was counting and claimed that he had been struck a foul blow. After an examination by the club doctor the referee ordered the fight resumed for the remainder of the bout. Tandler handled his opponent about as he pleased.

TO RETAIN UNIFORMS

Washington, Dec. 16.—Bill permitting all men who served in the war to retain their uniforms after they are mustered out, was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

GOVERNMENT OF BERLIN IS POWERLESS

Deserters from the Army Keep the City in Great Disorder.

WAVE OF CRIME IS SWEEPING THE CITY

Said to be a Scarcity of Certain Foods and Prices Pretty High.

MANY WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICES

Lights Are Out at Night and Robberies Are of Frequent Occurrence—No One in Control.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The Berlin central government is powerless to preserve order and deserters from the army terrorize the inhabitants, according to a correspondent of the Journal who has returned from a hurried visit to Berlin. Robberies and attacks follow one another rapidly, and apartments and shops are robbed in midday. Committees of all kinds, he continues, publish contradictory orders and practice blackouts.

Red flags are flying all over the city and business is going on as usual. The war has caused a great rush of women into the public services. The theatres, correspondents adds, are open and the restaurants are crowded. The population is well clothed, he says, but in artificial materials.

There is a great scarcity of bread, butter, milk and potatoes, and speculators are reported to be hoarding quantities of food stuffs. An ordinary meal costs 25 to 30 marks, and an order of soup is three marks.

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OLYMPIC OFFICERS HONORED

Capt. Hayes and Chief Engineer Ferguson Receive Addresses from City Council and Board of Trade of Halifax.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 16.—The Board of Trade and city council vied with one another today in paying honor to Captain Hayes and chief engineer Ferguson of the Olympic. At the city hall ceremony the flag presented by the ladies of Bristol, England, to the city of Halifax, was displayed in all its glory by way of honoring the occasion of the presentation to that "valiant man of the sea," Captain Burton F. Hayes.

ST. STEPHEN MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Well Known Citizen Passes Away After One Day's Illness—At Church Sunday Morning.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Dec. 16.—Frederick St. McNicol died very suddenly at his home here this afternoon. He had always been a robust man, seldom ill, and had attended church services Sunday morning. Soon after returning home he was seized with severe pains, and though physicians were summoned not much relief was had, and he passed away shortly before noon Monday, death being ascribed to perforation of the bowels.

GOT HIMSELF NAMED REGENT OF FINLAND

Helsinki, Dec. 16.—The Finnish diet has elected General Mannerheim regent of Finland. General Mannerheim started from Newcastle, England, last Saturday for Finland. He said his policy was to secure recognition of the complete independence of Finland by all the powers and establish a definite form of government based on the cooperation of all political parties. Good

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The exact number of enlistments, etc., reported up to the fifteenth of November was 595,441, said General Meuburn, and in addition some 16,200 men, who came into touch with the recruiting authorities were struck off the strength. The two sets of figures thus aggregate 611,741.

"Of the 595,441, some 41,000 were men who were dealt with, but were not required to render service, over 21,000 enlisted in services other than the C.B.F., and about 15,000 were reservists, British and Allied, who were sent by the Canadian government to the colors in their own armies."

The exact figures are contained in the following memorandum: "The total number of recruits obtained for the C.B.F. enlistment is reported to be 465,984."

"Military Service Act (A) obtained under the M. S. A. or voluntarily reporting without the class called out, 83,857."

"(B)—On leave without pay under orders in council relating to compassionate and hardship cases, or subsequently discharged, 24,533."

"(C)—Struck off strength and reported to the records of registrars appointed by the military service branch of the justice department as liable only to non-embodied service, or by reason of the war-time election act, or as being of a category which ought not to have been ordered to report, 16,200."

"Overseas service, other than C.B.F. enlisted in Canada for overseas service other than C.B.F., the following: "Royal Air Force, 12,002; Imperial Motor Transport, 710; Inland water transport, 4,701; Naval Service, 2,814; Jewish Palestine draft, 42; Total, 21,169."

DISMISSED CLERK SHOOTS GOVERNOR

Attempted Assassination Calls Forth Sympathy of Colonists and Natives.

Hanoi, French Indo China, Dec. 16.—(Havas Agency)—While inaugurating the Sunday fair at Hanoi yesterday, Albert Sarraut, governor of Indo China, was shot by a former temporary agent of the civilian service. The bullet entered the governor's right side, but his condition was reported today as satisfactory. The assassin, whose name is Desvignes, was employed at the commencement of the war by the local administration of Tonkin to keep the registry of surveys of land. Recently the administration, owing to alleged mistakes of Desvignes, refused to renew his contract. Desvignes blamed Governor Sarraut for his dismissal, although the governor had shown his good will toward Desvignes on several occasions.

The attempt on the life of the governor has caused numerous manifestations of sympathy for M. Sarraut by colonists and natives.

WILL HAVE HIS XMAS DINNER WITH TROOPS

Paris, Dec. 16.—President Wilson will leave Paris on Christmas Eve and go to American general headquarters. From headquarters he will proceed to the American front. He will have Christmas dinner with the American troops, and not with the American commander-in-chief or other officers.

From the above it would seem evident that it is the purpose of President Wilson to have Christmas dinner on German territory in the region of Coblenz, with the American forces of occupation.

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SLEEPING CAR SERVICES RESTORED

Washington, Dec. 16.—Director General McAdoo today announced the restoration on January 15, of fifteen of the through sleeping car lines in the east and south, discontinued a year ago as a war measure. The additional service will include that from New York and Florida, and other parts of the south.

Sir Douglas Haig Will Get a Great Welcome

London, Dec. 16.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander in chief of the British forces in France, will arrive in England next Thursday morning with a staff of distinguished officers. After landing at the dockyard in Dover the Field Marshal and his party will be driven from the sea front to the Admiralty pier station, where a civic address will be presented to the Field Marshal. Later Sir Douglas will drive to the town hall. Lady Haig will be present.

Lawrence Dore, the field marshal is expected to arrive in London in the early afternoon, where he will be met by the Duke of Connaught on behalf of King George. An imposing military welcome is being arranged by the War Office. From the station the Field Marshal, with troops lining the streets, will drive to Buckingham Palace, where King George will give a luncheon in his honor.

It is said that after the peace treaty is signed there will be a more formal and ceremonious welcome of Field Marshal Haig, his officers and his troops.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS TO THE FORE

Government May Create New Department of Public Welfare.

OLD AGE PENSIONS LIVE QUESTION

Housing Conditions and Public Health Would Come Under it.

HON. N. W. ROWELL LIKELY IN CHARGE

Believed Such a Course Would Simplify Matters in Dealing With These Pressing Problems.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The coming session of parliament is likely to be distinguished by a great deal of social and other legislation hitherto entirely foreign to Dominion affairs. After war and reconstruction conditions are fully resulting in the government being confronted with a myriad of social and economic problems as never before encountered and in order to meet this situation a vast amount of legislation is found to be necessary. One of the steps understood to be in contemplation is the formation of a department of public welfare, which would take over and devote itself to such problems as housing conditions, public health, old age pensions, state insurance, maternity pensions, minimum wage, and other questions which, although long in the forefront of practical politics in Great Britain, and other European countries, have been all but unknown in Dominion affairs. The formation of such a department is understood, is receiving the attention of Hon. N. W. Rowell, and in the event of such a bureau being created, it is likely that he will be the minister charged with its direction and administration. While, of course, it is not expected that Canada will at one fall adopt a programme of progressive, almost revolutionary social legislation, which, in Europe has succeeded in a measure only after years of research and agitation, it is felt that in any event such a department could achieve a great deal of useful service by studying the workings of social and public welfare legislation in other countries, and by enabling Canada to profit by their experience and mistakes.

For some years past a committee of parliament has been dealing with the question of old age pensions, but thus far its labors have been pretty much in the line of industrial utility. The work it is felt, has made the adoption of some system of old age pensions imperative, and it is not unlikely that this question will be given more definite attention this session. Housing conditions, public health and the question of a minimum wage are also likely to come up, and them on, our legislators promise to devote a vast deal more attention to social problems generally this year than has been their custom in past years.

ALL CASUALTIES WILL BE IN SOON

Some Forty Thousand of U. S. Men Still to be Verified and Reported.

Washington, Dec. 16.—General Pershing called the war department today that practically complete reports of deaths in action among the expeditionary forces should reach the department by December 20, and of severely wounded by December 27. The number of unreported casualties in process of verification at the central records office of the expeditionary force on December 14, was 40,000.

These include all "suspense cases under investigation" the general said. General Pershing reported that the number of duplicated casualties discovered in the central records office since November 27, would not operate to reduce the total for the entire expeditionary forces given in his summary of that date, as additional casualties reported more than offset the duplicates.

U. N. B. AND MT. ALLISON WILL DEBATE

The Intercollegiate debate between the University of New Brunswick and Mt. Allison University will take place at Fredericton in March next. The subject of debate, which was chosen by Mt. Allison, is "Resolved that our Canadian Government should nationalize all Canadian Railways."

U. N. B. chose the negative, and it is, therefore, left for Mt. Allison to support the resolution. The debate is looked forward to with much interest among the students of the respective universities.

DR. SOLF HAS RESIGNED

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Havas dispatch received here from Berlin says that the resignation of Dr. W. S. Solf of imperial secretary of foreign affairs has been accepted.